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SUBJECT: DANISH AMBASSADOR CALLS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HARTMAN

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS CALLED JULY 19 ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN FOR DISCUSSION OF US-DANISH RELATIONS,
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND CYPRUS.

2. BARTELS SAID THAT DURING HIS HOME LEAVE IN DENMARK HE
HAD TALKED AT LENGTH WITH PRIME MINISTER HARTLING WHO HAD
BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH HIS TALK WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AT
POMPIDOU FUNERAL. THE CLEAR OUTCOME, SAID BARTELS, WAS
DISAPPEARANCE OF THE "SLIGHT DIFFERENCES" OF THE RECENT
PAST (I.E., US REACTION TO FORMER PM JORGENSEN'S CRITICISM
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OF US VIET NAM POLICY).

3. AS FOR ATLANTIC RELATIONS, BARTELS SAID DENMARK REFUSED TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE US. MOST OF EUROPE'S PROBLEMS ORIGINATED IN EUROPE AND THERE THE GENERAL OUTLOOK IS BAD. BARTELS SAID THE SECRETARY'S APRIL 1973 SPEECH DESCRIBED A SITUATION WHICH HAD NOW CHANGED ALMOST COMPLETELY: EUROPE'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WERE NOW MUCH WORSE THAN THOSE OF AMERICA. HARTMAN SAID THAT THAT WAS THE SITUATION THE SECRETARY WAS PREDICTING. WE HAD ASKED

OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO MAKE A PROPOSAL ON THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US, AND HAD WAITED. WE WERE NOT GOING TO SPELL THIS OUT IN DETAIL OURSELVES. FINALLY THE ALLIES ASKED US FOR A PROPOSAL. THE RESULT WAS THAT WE HAD SPENT ONE YEAR ARGUING ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP, AND THIS THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH HAD NOT FORESEEN.

4. IN DISCUSSING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, BARTELS SAID HE WAS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN MOST. FUNDS FLOWING TO OIL PRODUCERS WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD, AND EVEN IF THESE FUNDS WERE INVESTED SHORT-TERM, THE PRODUCERS HAD "NO PLACE TO SPEND THEM" SO RESULT WOULD BE SAME AS LONG-TERM INVESTMENT. TECHNICAL COOPERATION WOULD, OF COURSE, BE NECESSARY, SAID BARTELS. HARTMAN REVIEWED US CONCERNS OVER QUESTION OF WHETHER WE HAD ADEQUATE MEANS TO SPOT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH WEAKER ECONOMIES AND BANK MISMANAGEMENT. BEYOND THAT WAS PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BENEFITING ONLY STRONGER ECONOMIES, TO EXCLUSION OF WEAKER, AND EFFECT NATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICIES WOULD HAVE ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. HARTMAN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ADDRESSING, RATHER THAN IGNORING, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

5. BARTELS RAISED, AS HE HAS IN ALL PREVIOUS TALKS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS OVER PAST YEAR, HIS BELIEF THAT US HAD OVERESTIMATED PROBLEMS OF US-EC RELATIONSHIP, ARGUING THAT EUROPE HAD ITS OWN PROBLEMS AND WAS NOT ANTI-US. HARTMAN SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN DOUBTS AS TO EUROPEAN INTENTIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE AT TIMES IT LOOKED AS THOUGH OPPOSITION TO US WOULD BE FACTOR IN EUROPEAN UNITY. SITUATION NOW

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HAD MUCH IMPROVED, SAID HARTMAN, BUT ONLY AFTER US HAD SPOKEN OUT. THIS HAD LED OTHERS TO SPEAK OUT ALSO AND THE RESULTS HAD BEEN POSITIVE. WE NOW HAD GENUINE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES, RATHER THAN THE "RELIGIOUS" DEBATES OF THE RECENT PAST. BARTELS SAID PROBLEM FOR EUROPE WAS THAT IT WAS MOVING TOO SLOWLY. HARTMAN AGREED, NOTING THAT IF EC HAD HAD ENERGY POLICY, WE WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TODAY. BARTELS PRAISED WORK AND RESULTS OF ENERGY

COORDINATING GROUP AND STRESSED, AS HE HAS OFTEN DONE,
CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF LOWER OIL PRICES.

6. BARTELS ASKED FOR COMMENT ON CYPRUS SITUATION. HART-
MAN SAID WE ARE IN POSITION OF TRYING MAINTAIN INFLUENCE
ON FINAL OUTCOME. THIS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED WITH
ENTHUSIASM BY EVERYBODY, BUT WE INTENDED TO PLAY A
PRACTICAL, USEFUL ROLE AND TRY TO PREVENT HOSTILITIES. IF

THE TURKS BELIEVE UNION OF CYPRUS WITH GREECE IS
IMMINENT, TURKS WOULD PROBABLY MOVE, SAID HARTMAN. WE
SEEK TO RESTORE SITUATION BASED ON LONDON AND ZURICH
AGREEMENTS, WHICH WE COULD NOT DO IF WE WENT ALONG WITH
LESS PRACTICAL APPROACH OF SOME UNALIGNED COUNTRIES.
BARTELS SAID THERE WERE NO STRONG FEELINGS IN DENMARK
REGARDING CYPRUS; RATHER THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR US
POSITION, ALTHOUGH FEELINGS RAN HIGH AGAINST GREEK REGIME.
IF, THEREFORE, GREEK REGIME ACHIEVED A "SUCCESS" ON
CYPRUS, US WOULD NOT AVOID SHARE OF BLAME. INGERSOLL

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